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North Cafe gets new chef

Beaver Foods in the North Cafeteria is proud to welcome a new chef. Joe Raschendorfer is a chef with 33 years of experience in hotel and institutional cooking. He started his apprenticeship in Germany in 1952 and comes to us from another Beaver operation. Joe would like to invite everyone to experience his culinary talents at a "Break the Ice" buffet to be held on January 24.

Are you into cameras?

If you have been thinking about taking a Media Resources course, think fast. If you hurry there may still be some spots left in Media 070 - Basic Photography, Media 074 - Basic Film-Making, Media 082 - Micro computer Graphics, or Media 090 - Independent Production. For more details contact the department.

15 students will head for Quebec

Meet Cap's Quebec Exchange students. These 15 lucky people will be going to Ahuntsic College in Montreal at the end of April, and in the meantime they have been hosting the Ahuntsic students who arrived here on January 4. Our students are: (First row) Margaret Crowley, N.Van., Karla Campbell, W.Van., Dr. Olga Kempo, Instructor, Sally McDermott, W.Van., Christine Nordstrom, N.Van., Mary Ann McLuckie, W.Van. (Back row) Irwin Oostindie, N.Van., Bruce Wallace, N.Van., Pat Von Blumen, N.Van., Dougie Fraser, N.Van., and Sheila Smail, N.Van. Missing from photo are David Dungey, N.Van., Kathy Newman, N.Van., Debbie Parliament, Burnaby, and Todd Wong, N.Van.

Close, but no cigar

Well, the responses to our Christmas contest were more notable for enthusiasm than accuracy this year. Everybody correctly identified our Christmas fairy as Patty Groves, but no one claimed a prize for getting all three old snaps correct (even after we showered those who pestered us with clues). The lovely lady with the curls is NOT Bev Young, Doreen Cottrell, Melody Hucal, Janet Morris, Connie Lucas, Anne Moye, Ethel Sviatko, Sandy Chester, Lee Knight, or any of the other off base guesses—it was JOY SMITH.

As a matter of fact, a couple of people got Joy right, but we were amazed, in view of the personality expressed in this photo, that nobody could identify the debonair faculty member blowing out the candle. It was NOT Lloyd Michaels, Pierre Coupey, Doug Loblaw, Ted Bentley, Mike MacNeil, Reid Gilbert, or one of the three most-guessed men on campus—Robert Cook, Bill Gibson and Alan Gilchrist. How could anyone not have recognized KERRY BURKE? Better luck next time, folks.



Bookstore hours

The Bookstore is keeping late hours this week—they are open to 7:30 pm Monday through Thursday, and to 4 pm on Friday. Next week (Jan. 21) they will be back to their regular hours of 10 am to 3 pm.

United Way - Final Report

Capilano College raised a total of \$6,793 for this year's United Way Campaign, of which \$2,042.75 was the net proceeds of the Carnival. A big thank you to all those who contributed, and again to those who took part in the Cap Carnival.

This year's result represents an increase of 17% over last year's total. But, if we look at both the number and the amount of employees and their contributions we see a reduction in participation.

We learned a lot from our first attempt at a Carnival as a College wide fundraising effort, and in our post-mortem recommended that the 1985 Carnival planning should start in March. So be ready with your ideas and be prepared to be part of a new group of people to organize it. (Last year's events organizers are not barred from repeating their triumphs.)

Thanks again to those who gave time, energy, or money or all three to the United Way Campaign this year.

- Joy Smith
Campaign Chairperson

Blues win 'Blues Classic'

The 4th Annual Blues Basketball Tournament which was held at the BCIT gymnasium concluded Saturday night (Jan. 5) with the Blues Women's team finishing second and the Men's team winning the tournament championship for the second consecutive year. The tournament was a 16 team affair

with 8 mens and 8 women's teams, and had colleges participating from Winnipeg, Brandon, Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer, Vancouver Island and the Fraser Valley.

Our women's team lost in the tournament final to a very strong Mount Royal College club (Calgary) while the men had little difficulty beating Assiniboine College, (Brandon), Douglas College, and Trinity Western en route to the championship. The

"Blues Classic" is the largest college invitational basketball tournament in Canada, Neil Chester proudly notes, and as such it annually receives a large list of applications for the sixteen competitive berths available.

Get your teeth into this!

Do you have old, abandoned false teeth, old, but still functional, electric shavers, or unwanted talcum powder? This may seem like a very peculiar assortment of items but should you happen to be burdened with an excess of false teeth, the Informer is very happy to be able to tell you that somebody wants them. The Long Term Care Aide program instructors are looking for these items to be used in lab practice of such skills as mouth care, and shaving, and other care-giving activities for the elderly and handicapped. So if you've been saving up all those old false teeth because you knew that some day they would come in handy, now is the time to give them a good home with Judith Weiss or Roberta Ellison in C-1.

Aerobics is on

Feeling the need to work off all that turkey and mince pie? Aerobics classes began January 8 and will be running Monday Wednesday and Thursday from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in the Fitness Centre. Everyone is welcome (these are co-ed classes) and all you need is running shoes, shorts and a t-shirt. If you have questions, talk to Joe Iacobellis.

New film series starts

The Women's Access Centre's new film series starts on Tuesday, January 22 and the theme this term is Sexism in the Media. Jan. 22 Sandra Moe will give an introduction on "Ways of Seeing", Jan. 29 is "Killing Us Softly" and "Size 10", Feb. 5 is a MediaWatch presentation, Feb. 12 is "Not a Love Story", and Feb. 19 is "Reclaiming Ourselves: A Feminist Perspective on Pornography." For more information contact the W.A.C.

Sunday concerts at Q.E.

For only \$2 you can brighten up your Sunday with the Sunday Coffee Concerts that are being presented by the Festival Concert Society at the Queen Elizabeth Playhouse each Sunday at 11 am. Nineteen Sunday concerts are upcoming with a wide variety of performers of music and dance. For more information call 736-7661.

ARC spells out offerings

The Spring schedule for the Achievement Resource Centre is out, and it includes workshops in Time Management, Memory, Study Skills, Reading Improvement, Spelling Improvement, Vocabulary Development, How to Write the College Essay, Communication Skills, How to Think Logically and Creatively, and How to Improve Exam Performance. For more details on all of these, consult the brochure, call ARC at local 356 or drop into B-107.

Want to quit puffing?

Did your list of New Year's Resolutions include a promise to yourself that this was the year to Quit Smoking? Well, even if it didn't, here's your chance. The B.C. Lung Association's "Operation Kick-it" is conducting classes at the following North Shore locations:

LONSDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 2151 Lonsdale
Wed. Jan. 16, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, 985-8741

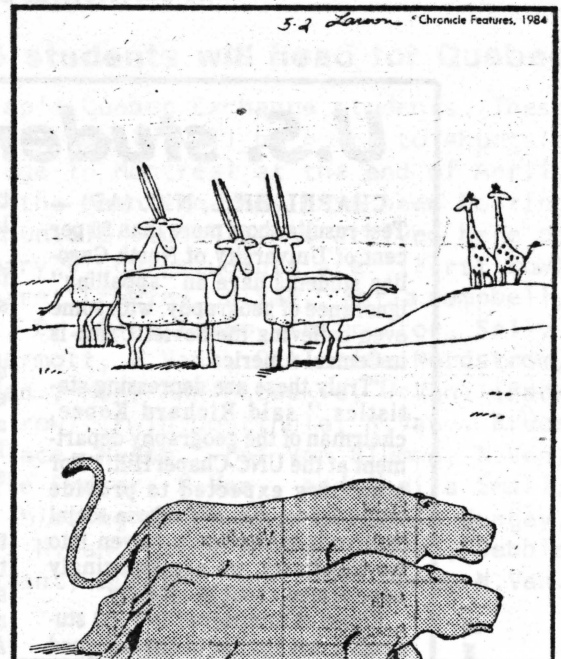
N.VAN. RECREATION CENTRE, 123 E. 23rd St.
Tues. Jan. 15, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, 988-6166

W.VAN. RECREATION CENTRE, 2158 Fulton Ave.
Thurs. Jan. 17, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, 926-3266

Register early—classes are limited to 15.

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



Knowing the lion's preference for red meat, the spamalopes remained calm but wary.

From a glass house

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We tread on dangerous ground here, aware that everyone who criticizes someone else's use of the language offers a tempting target, and that the pages of a newspaper abound with etymological oddities. Nevertheless, from our glass house we feel compelled to throw a figurative stone at the B.C. Telephone Company.

Our complaint today concerns not B.C. Tel's application for a large rate increase but a pamphlet, accompanying its latest bill, in which B.C. Tel informs subscribers that it now offers something called "video conferencing service."

"Conferencing"? Now really, that's too much.

There will always be pests around who insist on using nouns as verbs, or using verb-based nouns to invent new verbs. For instance, there was once a perfectly good verb, "to burgle," from which came the noun "burglar," from which the pests concocted the verb "to burglarize" (presumably, someone who engages in such activity is a "burglarizer").

But what on earth is "conferencing"? According to B.C. Tel, it is "similar to an in-person meeting." Is there another kind? But from this and other descriptions supplied, it's

clear the service is intended to make it easier for people to *confer* with one another.

If "conferring" is to become "conferencing," where is it going to end? Obviously if there is a verb "to conference," a person who "conferences" is a "conferencer," from which we will soon have a verb "to conferencerize," followed by a noun, "conferencerizer," probably followed by another verb, "to conferencerizerate," and so *ad infinitum*.

In the same pamphlet B.C. Tel advises us to "look for the DOC label" (we thought it was going to offer advice on the purchase of Italian wine, but no such luck) and asks us not to write on telephone bill stubs. For such offences against the language its bill stubs deserve to be covered with graffiti.

U.S. students flunk geography

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Test results show more than 90 per cent of University of North Carolina students have an "appalling" ignorance of geography, with some even believing the Soviet Union is in Central America.

"Truly these are depressing statistics," said Richard Kopec, chairman of the geography department at the UNC-Chapel Hill. "For a country expected to provide world leadership and whose social matrix is inextricably woven into world affairs, we are amazingly uninformed about geography."

Kopec administered to 1,900 students a test similar to one designed 35 years ago by the New York Times, which the newspaper at the

time said disclosed an "appalling" lack of geographical knowledge.

Kopec said today's students fared significantly worse than the students 35 years ago.

"Fewer than half of the 1,875 students knew that Alaska and Texas are our two largest states and only about one of every five knew that Rhode Island and Delaware are the smallest," he said.

"Less than seven per cent of those tested could name three of the 28 countries in Africa lying south of the Sahara Desert and north of the Republic of South Africa," he said. "Three of every four students could not name even one in this group."

Among the countries thought by some to separate Nicaragua from Panama were the Soviet Union and Cuba. Costa Rica is the correct answer.

"This exam was given, not expressly to embarrass North Carolinians or to indict our educational systems, but to link our state with the nationwide deficiency in geographic training," Kopec said.

"Only in this country is the subject matter either non-existent or sparsely provided in our grade schools. Elsewhere, it thrives."

Probably the most significant reason for the poor showing is that schools place little emphasis on geography.